

PEACE OFFER
BY GERMANY

Will Be Made Thursday by
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BERLIN NEWSPAPER
GIVES OUT REPORT

Stating That Bethmann-
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in Reichstag

The Hague, via London, May 1.—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, will make another peace offer in the Reichstag on Thursday of this week, according to an announcement by the Berliner Tageblatt.

FRENCH PUNCTURED
GERMAN LINES
FOR BIG GAIN

The Attack Was Launched on Six-Mile
Front and Sallent Was Formed
Which Their Cannon Are
Bombarding.

London, May 1.—Resuming their attack just a week after the last British drive, the French yesterday noon launched vigorous assaults on both sides of Mont Carnillet and Mont Haut in Champagne. They pushed the Germans nearly a mile at most points on the six-mile front, capturing several trench lines.

By this movement the German line running southeast past Rheims, and then due east, is left as a seven-mile salient, with the French cannon battering it from both flanks. A long step has been taken for the relief of that city.

On the east yesterday's gain levels up the recent advance on Moronvilliers, where the German tenure has become precarious.

The artillery fighting on all the French line of offensive continues with violence, which is especially marked between St. Quentin and la Fere and on the Chemin des Dames, south of Laon.

The French war office reported last night: "Quite violent artillery actions took place between St. Quentin and the Oise and on the Chemin des Dames. There was grenade fighting in the sector of Hurlbise farm."

"In Champagne, after spirited artillery preparation, our infantry at 12:40 o'clock delivered an attack against the German lines on both sides of Mont Carnillet. To the west we captured several fortified lines of trenches from that point as far as south of Beine to a depth varying from 500 to 1,000 metres. To the east we pushed our lines forward on the slopes northeast of Mont Haut as far as the approaches to the road between Nuroy and Moronvilliers."

"Violent artillery fighting continues in that region. In the Bois le Pretre we carried out efficacious fires on the German organizations."

"On April 29 our pilots brought down four German airplanes; six other enemy machines, seriously hit, descended within their line, where they were forced to make a landing."

"Our bombing airplanes dropped projectiles on the aviation fields at Colmar, Habsheim and Preval (a suburb of Metz), in addition to the railway stations at Ars, Novesat, Amagne-Looquy and Bethenville. The Faverger bridge and enemy bivouacs were likewise successfully bombarded."

BRITISH REPULSE ATTACK.

Between Monchy and the Scarpe River,
London Reports.

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"The enemy fought hard to protect the points attacked. In the course of the fighting ten German airplanes were brought down and ten others driven down out of control. Fifteen of our machines are missing."

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TO SEND AWAY GARRISON.

Which Has Been Prepared to Put Down
Trouble in Petrograd.

Petrograd, May 1, via London.—The council of soldiers and workers' delegates yesterday decided that in view of the necessity of providing for formations for the army operating against the Central powers, the Petrograd garrison, hitherto held in the capital in order of the provisional government to be in readiness to oppose any movement against the revolution may be sent to the front if needed provided authority is first given by the council.

A new general alliance of military and naval officers has been constituted in Petrograd with the aim of assisting the higher command in organizing the army on new basis for the object of attaining victory.

UNITED STATES PUTS
SHIPS AT DISPOSAL
OF HER ALLIES

Exact Amount of Tonnage Is Not Known,
But It Is Said to Have Been
Considerable.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—The United States has already placed a considerable amount of ship tonnage at the disposal of the allies. Lord Eustice Percy, the ship expert with the British mission, said today that the government had supplied certain vessels to be used according to the allies' needs, but refused to indicate what they were or if they were seized German ships.

Lord Percy declared that the present rate of British construction of ships and the present estimated American rate could not keep pace with the present rate of destruction by submarines. "The balancing figure in the world struggle," said Lord Percy, "is the tonnage which the United States can supply."

ALLIES CONTROL AIR.

Their Airplanes Are Driving the Germans
Down.

Washington, May 1.—How the British and French are maintaining practical control of the air over the western battle front was graphically described here yesterday by Major L. W. R. Rees of the British flying corps, who himself once routed single-handed a squadron of ten German raiders and is one of the few Englishmen to receive both the Victoria cross and the Military cross.

While the allied aerial operations are conducted almost beyond the German lines, the major said, the German machines now cross over the allied lines only rarely in raiding parties. The British fly on three levels, he explained, with three kinds of machines. The lowest are the artillery directors, who circle about in figure eights about 6,000 feet above the enemy trenches and flash back directions to the British gunners by wireless. Above them, at 10,000 feet, are the heavy fighters, with two men to a machine and able to keep the air for four hours at a speed of 110 miles per hour. At a height of 15,000 feet are the single-man light fighters, capable of 130 miles an hour and of ascending the first 10,000 feet in 10 minutes.

The Germans, Major Rees said, have given up all attempt to guide their artillery by aeroplane and seek only to smash up the allied reconnaissance over their lines. Their machines, therefore, are largely of one class—fast, heavy fighters, generally biplanes, which are constantly seeking to swoop down on the British artillery observers and send them to the ground before the British fighting patrols can reach them. Recently, however, he said, the Germans had developed another light fighting machine, which, by climbing to 20,000 feet, seeks to overtop the British light fighters and clear them out.

British losses have been running recently as high as 30 to 40 machines a day because of the extraordinary chances taken behind the enemy's lines, according to a German submarine while carrying troops from Australia to England. All of the soldiers were rescued by torpedo boat destroyers and trawlers.

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THE VACUUM SURVIVORS

Will Arrive in Liverpool To-night—Official Version of Sinking.

London, May 1.—Survivors of the American oil tanker Vacuum, who will arrive in Liverpool to-night, include Robert Williams, Oscar Galles, W. Lundgren, A. Byl and Raymond Munes. Details of the submerging of the Vacuum on April 28 have been received at the American embassy, but have not been made public.

New York, May 1.—The American steamship Vacuum, commanded by Capt. S. S. Harris of this city, left New York on March 30 for Birkenhead, England, and carried a crew of 34 men, of whom 15 were American citizens, including nine native born.

As signed here before the United States commissioners the Americans besides Capt. Harris were:

Oscar Galles, mate, Russian, naturalized; Frank J. Verney, second mate, Berlin, naturalized; E. D. Husted, third mate, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; John Kirk, chief engineer, Scotch, naturalized; John Simpson, assistant engineer, English, naturalized, New York City; Francis J. Davidson, assistant engineer, Swedish, naturalized; R. Williams, assistant engineer, American born; J. Wiljens, American born; W. N. Cray, American born; Thomas Ellis, Albany, N. Y.; L. J. Hutton, wireless operator, Niagara, Wis.; Joseph Millen, Brooklyn, and R. Punzie and McElroy, both of San Juan, P. R.

The Vacuum, formerly the steamship Rayanov, was owned by the Vacuum Oil Co. of California. She was built in 1912 at Ecorse, Mich. Since the war began she has made frequent trips to Europe. She was a vessel of 2,551 tons gross.

STRIKES ON TEN DAYS

In Westphalia and the Rhine District,
Say Travelers.

London, May 1.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from The Hague says: "Travelers from Germany announce that strikes have been going on for the past ten days in Westphalia and the Rhine provinces, especially in the steel industry. The military authorities consequently have forbidden newspapers to be sent out of the country."

TYPHUS IS
SAID TO RAGE

Adding to Germany's Other
Troubles at Present
Time

EPIDEMIC TRACED
TO FOOD SHORTAGE

Strict Censorship Is Keep-
ing Information About
Germany at Home

May day dawned with the armed hosts of England, France and Germany still locked fast in the most tremendous struggle of the whole tremendous world war. But the eyes of the world were fixed for the moment on events behind the battle line, where, inside the closely guarded frontiers of the central powers the bursting of the long-brewing storm of discontent was awaited.

Extraordinary measures have been taken by the rulers of the central empires to prevent the outside world from knowing what is transpiring within their borders. No German newspapers are allowed to pass into neutral countries and for the past ten days all persons have been forbidden to leave Germany. Reports from Switzerland, of vague and indefinite authority, assert that the troubled conditions in Germany seem intensified by the wide spread of typhus, especially in the industrial regions. The epidemic is attributed to the growing food shortage.

BRITISH WANT NEWS.

About the Operations of U-Boats on
Commerce.

London, May 1.—A vigorous attempt made in the House of Commons yesterday failed to prevent the government from adopting a policy of great publicity with regard to the submarine warfare. The only satisfaction critics of the government were able to obtain was a promise that the matter would be discussed in secret session.

As the result of considerable heckling, Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, admitted that a larger number of submarines were operating, and that generally shipping losses were increasing. In the meantime agitation by the press and the public is daily growing in volume. Demands are being made in various quarters that the government should even build merchant tonnage in government yards rather than warships, taking the ground, that, especially with the aid of the American navy, the British navy is fully adequate to the requirements, while the replacing of sunken tonnage is a dire necessity.

In connection with the submarine problem a loud demand is being made for younger blood at the admiralty.

London, May 1.—The jury in the trial of Franz Rintelen, the German naval captain, on trial here in the federal court with seven other men on charges of conspiring to prevent munitions being made and shipped from this country to the enemy, was yesterday afternoon in session, was completed last night after two days' examination of witnesses. The use of a panel from another department of the federal court was necessary to complete the jury.

Counsel for Rintelen made a point of assuring himself that each prospective juror was certain that he could give Rintelen a fair trial, even though Rintelen is an alien enemy.

David Lemar, who has been called "the Wolf of Wall Street," through his counsel questioned each juror as to whether he had any business connections or sympathies with large capitalists or capitalists interests, particularly those engaged directly or through subsidiary companies in the manufacture or shipment of munitions.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Arthur James Balfour, Great Britain's foreign secretary, dined informally with President Wilson at the White House last night and afterward the two statesmen had their first intimate talk since they met a week ago.

Last night's meeting marked a half-way point in the negotiations with the British war commission. It came at the conclusion of eight days of investigation and statements and at the beginning of formal conferences to work out definite understandings.

CONTEST ON CONSTITUTION.

Some Bay State Delegates Favor Initiative
and Referendum.

Boston, May 1.—Delegates to the state convention June 6, for the purpose of revising the constitution, were elected today. The convention will have 320 members. The campaign has been devoted almost exclusively to a contest between the two sets of delegates-at-large, one being announced as pledged to vote for the submission to the people of the amendment for an initiative and referendum and the other unpledged to any particular amendments.

Faints and Sets House Afire.
Dover, N. H., May 1.—Carrying a lighted olive oil lamp at her home on 5th and Chestnut streets yesterday, Mrs. Frank S. Tompkins, widow of the late register of deeds for Stafford county, fainted and dropped the stove, which bounded to the bottom and ignited the carpet and woodwork. Mrs. Tompkins' clothing also took fire, but she escaped with only slight burns. Her screams were heard across the street at the store of Everett Kennistown, who telephoned the fire department.

Fireman George McKennie's hands were severely burned in throwing the blazing stove outdoors. The chemical crew extinguished the blaze in the house before great damage was done.

TRANSFER GERMAN SHIPS.

Senate Voted Unanimously to Use Vessels
for Commerce.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—By unanimous vote the Senate passed a resolution last night providing for transfer to the American government of title and possession of enemy ships in American ports, and their use in commerce under direction of the shipping board.

There are about 100 German and many Austrian ships in American ports and all are under repair, though the Austrian ships are not included in the resolution as the United States and Austria are not at war.

One of the German ships, the Clara Menning, is ready for sea and will begin loading a cargo to-day for Italy. The Pisa, another, will be repaired by Wednesday and will take supplies to France. Five more will be ready by the end of the week.

The resolution was debated in the Senate yesterday for more than four hours behind closed doors. The discussion centered on questions of damages for the seized vessels after the war, but all efforts to provide a method by which owners of the property would be given a right to sue in courts of the United States were defeated. Legislation of this kind will be left to a later date.

The passage of the resolution was formed by Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who said it would be a crime if the ships were not taken over at once and used as targets for the German submarines.

LOAN TO BELGIUM.

United States Will Extend \$150,000,000,
It Is Expected.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—In addition to loans to France and Italy totaling between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 the United States will soon make a loan to Belgium, the amount of which has yet to be determined. Unofficial estimates of the size of the Belgian loan place it approximately at \$150,000,000. Administration officials have been in a receptive mood toward the application for a Belgian loan ever since the war finance measure became a law, but formal application for a loan was not made until yesterday, when the Belgian minister, Baron De Cartier, called upon Secretary McAdoo and placed before him tentative estimates as to the relief desired. Secretary McAdoo and Assistant Secretary Crosby discussed details with the minister for more than three hours.

Further conferences will be held before the estimates of Belgian needs are placed in final form for consideration. There is said to be a wide divergence between the first estimates of the various entente governments as to their requirements and their final estimates made after a process of elimination during conferences with trade officials.

Discussion of French and Italian needs continued in conferences among Secretary McAdoo, Assistant Secretary Crosby, the Italian ambassador, and members of the French commission. Vive Premier Viviani spent more than an hour in consultation with Secretary McAdoo. Indications are that the French and Italian loans will be made within the present week, the time limit announced by Secretary McAdoo last week. The Belgian loan probably will not be made until a somewhat later date.

SENTENCED FOR TRAMPING.

Michael Moran Had Annoyed Guards at
Middlebury.

Middlebury, May 1.—Michael Moran, arrested Friday by Chief of Police George H. Chaffee, and thought at the time to be a tramp, was in Justice A. W. Dickson's court yesterday and pleaded not guilty. Upon examination of several witnesses it was proven that he had been tramping and was given 30 days in jail. It was also made known by the respondent that he was one of the two who on two occasions were ordered away by the soldiers at the Brookville bridge which spans the New Haven river on the main line of the Rutland railroad and who escaped from the soldiers after a run. His partner, who was in town Saturday, and who evidently got news of Moran's being arrested, has not as yet been seen. It is not known whether the United States government will take him or not at the end of his sentence, but the indications are that it will.

MUCH GRAIN BURNED.

Two Elevators in Chicago Destroyed with
Loss of Half Million.

Chicago, May 1.—Fire destroyed two grain elevators of the Hales and Edwards company, which hold approximately 75,000 bushels of oats and wheat late yesterday, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000.

Police and federal officers began an attempt to determine the origin of the blaze.

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WAITSFIELD MAN ARRESTED.

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In Montpelier city court this afternoon Leon Joslyn of Watsfield was arraigned on the charge of breach of the peace, the charge being the holding up of Zed Royce, the stage driver of Warren, on April 27. Joslyn was arrested on warrants issued by State's Attorney Gleason and was brought to Montpelier by Deputy Sheriff John Mober. The respondent pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at \$200, which he expected to furnish. State's Attorney Gleason is of the opinion that the federal authorities will not take up the case.

FUNERAL OF MRS. E. O. WHEELER

Was Held at Her Late Home at Edge-
wood Monday.

Funeral services for Mrs. E. O. Wheeler of Edgewood, whose death occurred Friday afternoon, were held at the house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. B. J. Lehigh, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. The bearers were: William H. Cheney, Charles Cheney, Donald Desnoyers and Edward Clark. Those who attended included among other friends a number of members of Bright Star Rebekah lodge, with which the deceased was affiliated. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

WIPE HANDS ON FLAG.

Tony Louis of Albany, N. Y., Arrested
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Portland, Me., May 1.—Tony Louis of Albany, N. Y., was arrested on complaint of several boy scouts who alleged that he had wiped his greasy hands on some American flags and bunting which had been used at one time for decorative purposes, yesterday while setting up a merry-go-round for a veteran street carnival. Although he has been in this country 29 years, he denied that he knew he was committing an offense.

HAD WIDE PLAN
OF EXCITEMENT

Blow Up Morgan & Co.'s
Office, Tell of the Presi-
dent's Assassination

REPORT ATTACKS ON
ATLANTIC COAST

And Disrupt Wires to Check
Truth—Germans Had
a Fine Plan

New York, May 1.—A confession was made in court to-day by Wolf Hirsch, arrested last night with George Meyer, both Germans, that the pair were on their way to blow up the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. with a bomb when they were intercepted by the police.

The men had planned, according to the police, to blow up the Morgans, then tap the telegraph trunk lines between Chicago, Washington and New York and send out false reports of the president's assassination and U-boat raids on the Atlantic coast, and then disrupt the wires to prevent a denial, all to affect the stock market for speculative benefit.

The police say this program was outlined in a confession made to the officials before the cases were called in court.

The men were employed in the Roosevelt hospital, Hirsch as a chemist and Meyer as a kitchen man, and had been watched for some time, according to the police. They were arrested on the charge of having a bomb in their possession.

VERMONT MUNICIPAL COURTS.

Gov. Graham Announces Appointments
for Ten Courts.

Gov. Graham to-day announced the appointment of judges to the following ten municipal courts in Vermont, the remaining six to be given out later:

Albert W. Dickens of Middlebury, judge of the municipal court for Addison county.

Henry Conlin of Winoski, judge of the municipal court for the village of Winoski.

Herbert H. Blanchard of Springfield, judge of the municipal court for Windsor probate district.

Kyle T. Brown of Lunenburg, judge of the municipal court for Essex county.

Nathan N. Post of St. Albans, judge of the municipal court for Franklin county and for the city of St. Albans.

Erwin M. Harvey of Montpelier, judge of the municipal court of the city of Montpelier.

H. William Scott of Barre, judge of the municipal court for the city of Barre.

Thomas E. O'Brien of Bellows Falls, judge of the municipal court for the village of Bellows Falls.

Addison E. Cudworth of South Londonderry, judge of the municipal court for the village of Brattleboro.

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NORWICH FRESHMEN
DINED IN BARRE

Class of 1920 Proud That Dozen or More
of Their Number Are Going to the
Plattsburg Officers' En-
campment.

Norwich '20 came to Barre last night for the annual class banquet, but to a baker's dozen of the 65 well-set-up lads who marched from the Central Vermont station to Hotel Barre shortly after 7 o'clock it was something more than a class dinner. It was a leave-taking of their comrades, for the end of the present week may see them on their way to Plattsburg. And after Plattsburg their careers are uncertain. It was one of the largest Norwich freshmen classes to dine together in years. The students left Northfield late in the afternoon, arrived in Barre at 7:15 o'clock, and were disposed along bountifully laden tables at Hotel Barre by 8 o'clock. After the dining there was speech-making, with responses by faculty members, students and Mayor E. C. Glysson of this city. The return drive on Northfield was effected some time after midnight.

Unless present plans go astray, the sturdy little military college on the Dog will be represented by 60 men in the officers' encampment at Plattsburg after May 14, and the freshman class is proud to have it known that 12 or 15 of its own number will be doing their bit of preparation for Uncle Sam along intensive lines before the middle of the month.

Marching to the hum of a well-known Norwich refrain, the cadets cleared Main street in splendid order and did not break ranks until the hotel was reached. Manager Rowen had spread a real feast for his visitors, and after faring for an hour on Hotel Barre hospitality the cadets were willing to concede that their visit to the Granite city had been worth while.

Cadet John S. Macdonald, the class president, was master of ceremonies until the duties of toastmaster were assigned to Professor J. H. Sasserone. Cadet H. A. "Red" Amion responded to the toast, "Our Alma Mater," and Professor C. V. Woodbury spoke interestingly on the topic, "Norwich University in Previous Wars." Cadet "Bill" Bassett contributed real humor to the after-dinner exercises with his class prophecy and Professor A. W. Peach told of what athletics may accomplish for a military college in war time. "Class Finances" were discussed by "Doc" Lyons, whom the program described as the social lion.

The ranking officer of the cadet corps, Major W. A. Upham, '17, gave a spirited talk on preparedness, and a less substantial but wittier diet for after-dinner listeners was furnished by Cadet "Witty" Clarence Vitty, who spoke on "The Fair Sex." Mayor Glysson congratulated the class on its solidly appeared and said something along the line of what civilians will expect of their representatives in the field. All of the speakers were warmly applauded.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of the following cadets: W. D. Bassett, H. Wingate, W. E. Moriarty, W. D. Hall and D. P. Underhill.

When Judge Powers asked Warner if he had anything to say, the respondent declared that his attorney, Bicknell, had not given him the service that he should have given; that he (Warner) had talked with his attorney for seven hours about the case and that Bicknell had not used any of the evidence then given him. Bicknell, he said, had not used his right. Warner told the court that he could not remember having committed such a murder. Bicknell, he said, was too ashamed to appear in supreme court when the case came up. Warner wound up his talk with an appeal for a new trial with a new lawyer, which request was denied as stated.

In the Caledonia county case of George Roben vs. Ryegate Light & Power Co., contract, Judge Haselton's opinion reversed the lower court verdict of \$1,075 for the plaintiff and ordered the cause remanded.

In the Rutland county case of Vermont Marble Co. vs. George P. Eastman and Percival W. Clement the motion by the defendants for reargument was denied, the decree affirmed and the cause remanded.

SEEKING RECRUITS
FOR HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Recruiting Station Opened in Barre by
Sergt. Maj. N. W. Hooker to Fill
the Ranks of the Barre
Company.

With the arrival in this city this morning of Sergt. Maj. Neal W. Hooker, a recruiting station was opened in the office of the Headquarters company armory in Howland building, although it was not expected that applicants for enlistment would present themselves before this evening or to-morrow morning. The delay was due to orders to return to Fort Ethan Allen, which the sergeant major received this forenoon. However, he expects to return to Barre to-night and to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock he will be at the office to receive applications. The office will be open between the hours of 9 and 12 in the morning and 1:30 and 5 in the afternoon Wednesday and Thursday and possibly Friday.

Deviating somewhat from the order originally received are the instructions from the adjutant general in the effect that recruits for the Headquarters company alone will be received at the Barre station. Previously it was planned to recruit for all companies in the state regiment, but the latest order provides that all companies shall be recruited separately. Just now the Headquarters company, composed almost wholly of Barre men, is in need of a horse shoer, and Sergt. Maj. Hooker is authority for the statement that a enlisted horse shoer receives the pay of a enlisted horse shoer for five additional mounted orderlies and the regimental band is anxious to secure recruits. Applicants at the Barre station will receive a preliminary physical examination from Sergt. Maj. Hooker and the examination at the fort will complement the examination of eyes, ears, etc., here. All applicants for enlistment must be physically fit in order to pass the physical examination, and also must be between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age. Traveling expenses from Barre to Fort Ethan Allen will be provided.

ORANGE COUNTY HOTEL.

\$25,000 Corporation Formed; Also Swanton
Amusement Co.

Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state by the Orange County Hotel corporation of Chelsea, capital stock of \$25,000, and the Swanton Amusement Co. of Swanton, capital stock of \$10,000. The subscribers of the Orange Hotel corporation are B. H. Adams, H. M. Mattison, E. A. Ordway, Stanley C. Wilson and George Stow. The incorporators of the Swanton company are C. E. Schaaf, H. M. Bell, E. T. Bradley and F. H. Hoff.

UNKNOWN STEAMER BURNED.

During a Terrific Gale on Lake Erie